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FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
	)	4:05CR3038
Plaintiffs,	)	
	)	<b>REPORT,</b>
vs.	)	<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>
	)	<b>AND ORDER</b>
MICHAEL JOHN MERCER,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

After orally consenting to proceed before a magistrate judge, the defendant, together with counsel and in the presence of counsel for government, appeared before the undersigned and tendered a plea of guilty. Before doing so, defendant was advised of the charges, the penalties and the right to appear before a United States District Judge.

After being sworn, the defendant was orally examined by me in open court as required by Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11. The defendant was also given the advice required by that Rule. Finally, the defendant was given a full opportunity to address the court, and ask questions.

Counsel for the government and counsel for the defendant were given the opportunity to suggest additional questions by the court. Moreover, both counsel orally certified that they were of the opinion that the plea was knowing, intelligent and voluntary and that there was a factual basis for the plea.

Therefore, I find and conclude that: (1) the plea is knowing, intelligent, and voluntary; (2) there is a factual basis for the plea; (3) the provisions of Rule 11 and any other provisions of the law governing the submission of guilty pleas have been complied with; (4) a petition to enter a plea of guilty, on a form approved by the court,

was completed by the defendant, defendant's counsel and counsel for the government, accompanied the defendant's plea, and was placed in the court file; (5) any plea agreement is in writing and is attached to the petition to enter a plea of guilty; (6) there are no agreements or stipulations other than the written plea agreement, if any, attached to the petition to enter a plea of guilty.

IT IS RECOMMENDED to Judge Richard G. Kopf that:

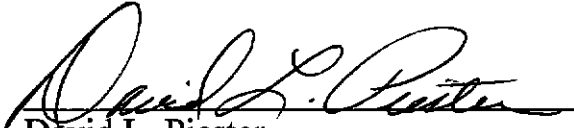
he accept the guilty plea and find the defendant guilty of the crime(s) to which the defendant tendered a guilty plea; and

- ☐ he accept any written plea agreement attached to the petition to enter a plea of guilty understanding that such acceptance is subject to the provisions of U.S.S.G. § 6B1.4(d) ("The court is not bound by the stipulation, but may with the aid of the presentence report, determine the facts relevant to sentencing");
- ☒ he not accept the plea agreement at this time, but rather that he consider the Rule 11(c)(1)(C) agreement at sentencing.

IT IS ORDERED that if any party desires to object to this report and recommendation, they shall do so no later than 10 calendar days following the date of this report and recommendation or they may be deemed to have waived the right to object to adoption of the report and recommendation.

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2005.

BY THE COURT:

  
David L. Piester  
United States Magistrate Judge

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